

# *The Town of New Market*



**Town Council Minutes**  
**40 South Alley, New Market, MD. 21774**  
**General Session**  
**September 8, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of New Market was held in person on Thursday, September 8, 2022, with Mayor Winslow Burhans presiding. Council members present: Matt Chance, Chris Weatherly, and Michael Wright. Councilmen Shane Rossman and Dennis Kimble were absent. Also in attendance were Pat Faux, Zoning Administrator/Town Planner, Shawn Burnett, Town Engineer, and Caitlin Moroney, Main Street Manager/Town Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion:* Councilman Wright made a Motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2022, meeting as written.  
*Second:* Councilman Chance  
*Discussion:* None  
*Public Comment:* None  
*Vote:* For – 3 (Chance, Weatherly, Wright)  
Against – 0  
Abstain - 0  
Absent – 2 (Rossman, Kimble)  
**The Motion passed.**

The approval of the August 11, 2022, minutes was deferred to October 13, 2022, meeting due to a lack of quorum.

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## NEW BUSINESS

### Linganore High School Homecoming Parade

Brady Vlha, Class of 2023, SGA, President, presented Linganore High School's Homecoming parade plans to the Council. The parade will be held on October 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

*Motion:* Councilman Chance made a Motion to approve the Linganore High School Homecoming parade plan for 2022 as presented.

*Second:* Councilman Weatherly

*Discussion:* None

*Public Comment:* None

*Vote:* For – 3 (Chance, Weatherly, Wright)  
Against – 0  
Abstain – 0  
Absent – 2 (Rossman, Kimble)  
**The Motion passed.**

### Discussion of Golf Carts

Councilman Chance reported that there had been unofficial use of golf carts in some of the neighborhoods. Legislation *is pending*, making it acceptable for use on certain roads. There was a discussion that golf carts may be a viable resource to help with traffic control on Main Street due to the proposed loss of bus service to the Orchard and Brinkley Manor neighborhoods. After public comment, a motion was made to submit this item to County Executive Gardner to be added to the list of legislative ideas for the 2023 General Assembly.

### Public Comment:

Paul Hackey  
Denise Komara  
Carolyn Pritchard  
Jeff Opett  
Staci Caiola  
Gayla Wheeler  
Tom Poss  
Kelsey Karlin  
Andrew Degges

*Motion:* Councilman Chance made a Motion to ask to be included on this Bill for the next Legislative Session recognizing that it is solely enabling legislation, that it is not taking any action approving golf carts at this time

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*Second:* Councilman Weatherly  
*Discussion:* None  
*Public Comment:* None  
*Vote:* For – 3 (Chance, Weatherly, Wright)  
Against – 0  
Abstain – 0  
Absent – 2 (Rossman, Kimble)  
**The Motion passed.**

**Addition of Parking Spaces – Brinkley Manor**

Brinkley Manor resident Kelsey Karlin requested that the stripping for parking spaces recently added on East Wainscot be removed or covered up. Two additional residents from Brinkley Manor supported her request. Councilman Weatherly favors removing but defers to Councilman Rossman (not present). Council members Chance and Wright stated they wanted further information before proceeding with a recommendation. The issue was continued to the next Town Council meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Kelsey Karlin  
Carolyn Pritchard  
Angela Mavis

*Motion:* Councilman Weatherly made a Motion to take up the existing lines and not move forward with the lines from the block of Marley Street to the Orchard  
*Second:* No second  
*Discussion:* None  
*Public Comment:* None  
*Vote:* For – 1 (Weatherly)  
Against – 2 (Change, Wright)  
Abstain – 0  
Absent – 2 (Rossman, Kimble)  
**The Motion failed due to the lack of a second**

**Driveway Aprons on North Alley**

Mayor Burhans reported that the Town spent over a million dollars paving North Alley and all the lateral alleys on the North side of Main Street. It was noticed that many of the driveways off North Alley did not have proper aprons. Preserving this alley has been a topic of discussion between him and Councilman Rossman since the beginning. During the current North Alley project, a few residents approached him regarding driveway paving. The Town would work with

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Wilson T. Ballard and a contractor to arrange for residents interested in getting their driveways paved/aprons installed to have the projects done at a reasonable price. Currently, the installation of proper driveway aprons is an option.

Council members Chance, Wright, and Weatherly agreed to waive the permit fees. If there is enough interest in this opportunity, the Councilmen would like to meet at Town Hall or elsewhere to present proposals to residents. There was also discussion regarding paving the side of the Derby.

**Public Comment:**

Gayla Wheeler  
Staci Caiola

*Motion:* Councilman Chance made a Motion to go ahead and do paving on the side of the Derby.  
*Second:* Councilman Weatherly  
*Discussion:* None  
*Public Comment:* None  
*Vote:* For – 3 (Chance, Weatherly, Wright)  
Against – 0  
Abstain – 0  
Absent – 2 (Rossman, Kimble)  
**The Motion passed.**

**Introduction of a Draft Annexation Plan - England Woods Annexation Petition**

Ms. Faux presented the Draft Annexation Plan for consideration of adoption as part of October 12, 2022, Public Hearing.

*Motion:* Councilman Chance made a Motion to Adopt the Draft Annexation Plan presented tonight.  
*Second:* Councilman Wright  
*Discussion:* None  
*Public Comment:* None  
*Vote:* For – 3 (Chance, Weatherly, Wright)  
Against – 0  
Abstain – 0  
Absent – 2 (Rossman, Kimble)  
**The Motion passed.**

  
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## **LIAISON REPORTS**

Mayor Burhans reported that speed camera warnings start tomorrow. The first 30 days are warnings only, and after that period, fines start.

Councilman Wright reported that National Recovery Month is going on. He is trying to get purple light bulbs for the Town. He announced that Will Byrd is having a fundraiser tonight for Megan LaRoux, who is running for Circuit Court Clerk. He also addressed the complaint to the Health Department on Colleen Opitz's new business venture. Complaints were received that she has been operating without a business license. He assured everyone that Ms. Opitz is not using the business at this time.

Councilman Weatherly reported that the Town should receive word regarding the Maryland Sustainable Certification any day.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Decision:* Councilman Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
*Second:* Councilman Weatherly  
*Vote:* For – 3 (Chance, Weatherly, Wright)  
Against – 0  
Abstain – 0  
Absent – 2 (Rossman, Kimble)

**Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mitchell  
Clerk to Mayor and Town Council

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